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**RE:** Recommendations for Amendments

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I strongly and respectfully urge the Committee to incorporate the recommendations for amendments and revisions to the current draft of History/Social Science Framework as submitted by colleagues and interested parties from across the state.

In my extensive work throughout the state as an educational practitioner, curriculum writer and university researcher, it is imperative that revisions be incorporated that reflect Mexican American/Chicano History, especially since 1986. In these capacities, I have worked with schools from San Diego to Los Angeles, from Imperial County to Sacramento, and from Fresno to Salinas/San Jose. Throughout my trainings and public meetings, students, parents and teachers have expressed the need to have available accurate and comprehensive curriculum content that reflects the Mexican American/Chicano experience.

Indeed, such an inclusion can have a direct impact on the motivation and academic success of Latino students as they see reflected and better understand the numerous contributions by Mexican American/Chicanos in shaping our great state. Such awareness fosters a sense of hope and connection to our society as active participants and contributors.

More to the point, I have facilitated public forums and focus groups with thousands of Latino students and educators and have been deeply impressed with their call for more and greater inclusion of Mexican American/Chicano History in the state frameworks. The venues have included public schools, juvenile correctional facilities and universities.

In closing, I urge the History/Social Science Framework Committee to incorporate the revisions and amendments that are being brought forth. Thank you.